UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

THORNELL RENFRO and CAROL RENFROE,

Case No. 16-cv-13018

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE GERSHWIN A. DRAIN

DAYTON FREIGHT LINES, INCORPORATED, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE ELIZABETH A. STAFFORD

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S APPLICATION TO RELIEVE DEFENSE COUNSEL OF NEED TO RETAIN LOCAL COUNSEL [16]

On August 19, 2016, Thornell Renfro ("Plaintiff") brought this lawsuit for a state law claim of negligence or gross negligence against Dayton Freight Lines ("Defendant"). On November 3, 2016, Defendant submitted an application seeking to be relieved of the requirement to retain local counsel, pursuant to Local Rule 83.20(f). Dkt. No. 16.

After considering Defendant's application, the Court finds that Defendant has not provided good cause to be relieved of the obligation to secure local counsel. Accordingly, Defendant's Motion [16] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: November 4, 2016

/s/Gershwin A Drain

Hon. Gershwin A. Drain

United States District Court Judge